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Unit Name BENTON TWP HOUSING COM	County BERRIEN	Type TOWNSHIP	MuniCode 11-7-521
Opinion Date May 21, 2008	Audit Submitted Jun 21, 2008	Fiscal Year	2007

If a local unit of government (authorities & commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is NOT included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

Place a check next to each "Yes" or non-applicable question below. Questions left unmarked should be those you wish to answer "No".

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×	1. rep	Are all required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the porting entity notes to the financial statements?
X	2.	Does the local unit have a positive fund balance in all of its unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets?
X	3.	Were the local unit's actual expenditures within the amounts authorized in the budget?
г	4.	Is this unit in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury?
×	5.	Did the local unit adopt a budget for all required funds?
×	6.	Was a public hearing on the budget held in accordance with State statute?
X	7. and	Is the local unit in compliance with the Revised Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, dother guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division?
Г	8. pro	Has the local unit distributed tax revenues, that were collected for another taxing unit, timely as required by the general operty tax act?
X	9.	Do all deposits/investments comply with statutory requirements including the adoption of an investment policy?
X	10. Loc	Is the local unit free of illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to your attention as defined in the Bulletin for Audits of cal Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin.)
X	be	. Is the unit free of any indications of fraud or illegal acts that came to your attention during the course of audit that have not en previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division? (If there is such activity, please submit a separate report der separate cover.)
×	12	. Is the local unit free of repeated reported deficiencies from previous years?
×	13.	Is the audit opinion unqualified? 14. If not, what type of opinion is it? NA
×	15.	Has the local unit complied with GASB 34 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)?
×	16.	Has the board or council approved all disbursements prior to payment as required by charter or statute?
Г	17.	. To your knowledge, were the bank reconciliations that were reviewed performed timely?
X	18	Are there reported deficiencies? 19. If so, was it attached to the audit report?

General Fund Revenue:	\$ 2,369,403.00
General Fund Expenditure:	\$ 2,635,345.00
Major Fund Deficit Amount:	\$ 0.00

General Fund Balance:	5	6,168,363.00	
Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt (see Instructions):	s	0.00	

We affirm that we are certified public accountants (CPA) licensed to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the above responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (Reported deviations)

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BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION

Financial Statements

September 30, 2007

Audited by

JOHN C. DIPIERO, P.C.

Certified Public Accountant

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BENTON TOWNSHIP HOUSING COMMISSION 1216 Blossom Lane Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Sharon Hester, Executive Director

As management of the Benton Township Housing Commission we offer reviewers of this audit report this narrative discussion and analysis of the Benton Township Housing Commission's financial activities for the FYE 9/30/07. This discussion and analysis letter of the Benton Township Housing Commission's financial performance should be read in conjunction with the auditor's opinion letter and the following Financial Statements.

The combined financial statements reflect all of the Commission's federally funded programs and activities in one place. The Commission reports all its activities and programs using the Enterprise Fund type model. HUD encourages PHAs to use this accounting method as it is normally used to account for "business-type activities" - activities similar to those found in the private sector. Enterprise Fund types use the accrual method of accounting, the same accounting method employed by most private-sector businesses. Under this method, revenues and expenditures may be reported as such even though no cash transaction has actually taken place.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report contains this *Management & Discussion Analysis* report, the *Basic Financial Statements* and the *Notes to the Financial Statements*. This report also contains the Financial Data Schedule (FDS) as referenced in the section of *Supplemental Information*. The Commission's financial statements are presented as fund financial statements because the Commission only has proprietary funds.

Required Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Assets includes the Commission's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and obligations of the Commission creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for evaluating the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Commission.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets. This statement measures the success of the Commission's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the Commission has successfully recovered all its costs through its user fees and other charges, profitability and credit worthiness.

The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows. The statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing and financing activities and provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balance during the reporting period.

Management Discussion & Analysis - continued

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements and provide more detailed data.

Supplemental Information

This report also contains the Financial Data Schedule (FDS) as referenced in the section of Supplemental Information. HUD has established Uniform Financial Reporting Standards that require Housing Commissions to submit financial information electronically to HUD using the FDS format. This financial information was electronically transmitted to the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) and is required to be included in the audit reporting package.

The Financial Data Schedule reports the Commission's operations in more detail. The Commission reports all its activities using Enterprise fund types. These funds are used to show activities that operate more like commercial enterprises. The Financial Data Schedule is organized by the government Catalogue of Financial Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers.

Benton Township Housing Commission Programs:

<u>Low Rent Public Housing</u>: Under this program, the Housing Commission rents units that it owns to low-income elderly and family households. This program is operated under an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD. HUD provides Operating Subsidies to enable the Housing Commission to lease these units at a rate that is based on 30% of the household income.

<u>Capital Fund Program:</u> Under this program, the Housing Commission is awarded funds each year to use for Capital Needs. The Housing Commission also has the ability to use up to 20% of these funds, if need be, to supplement Operating Subsidies. This program is the primary funding source for physical improvements to its properties.

<u>Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program</u>: Under this program, the Housing Commission administers contracts with independent landlords to provide housing for low-income households. These units are not owned by the Housing Commission. The Housing Commission subsidizes the family's rent via a "Housing Assistance Payment" made directly to the landlord. HUD provides subsidy to the Housing Commission to enable the Housing Commission to set the rental rates at 30% of a participant's income.

Management Discussion & Analysis- continued

Entity-Wide Financial Highlights:

The following Federal Assistance was received during FYE 9/30/07:

	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/07	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/06	Dollar Change	<u>Per</u> <u>Cent</u> Change
Public Housing Operating Subsidy	815,762	790,053	25,709	3.25%
Capital Fund Program Grants	415,509	510,622	(95,113)	-18.63%
Sec. 8 Voucher	403,569	297,072	106,497	35.85%
Total	1,634,840	1,597,747	37,093	2.32%

The subsidy for Public Housing increased only slightly, reflecting inflationary factors in the Operating fund formula.

The decrease in Capital Fund Grants was due to the fact that our work projects moved along at a slower pace than in the previous year.

The subsidy for Sec. 8 increased due to increases in HAP costs.

The following represents changes in the Balance Sheet:

	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/07	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/06	<u>Dollar</u> Change	<u>Per</u> <u>Cent</u> Change
Cash & Investments	668,724	783,822	(115,098)	-14.68%
Total Current Assets	1,104,277	955,588	148,689	15.56%
Fixed Assets, Net of				
Depreciation	5,226,996	5,614,557	(387,561)	-6.90%
Total Assets	6,331,273	6,570,145	(238,872)	-3.64%
Total Current Liabilities	162,910	137,184	25,726	18.75%
Total Long-Term Liabilities	0	12,101	(12,101)	- 100.00%
Total Liabilities	162,910	149,285	13,625	9.13%
Total Equity/Net Assets	6,168,363	6,420,860	(252,497)	-3.93%

1. Cash and Investments decreased by over \$100,000. This is primarily due to the fact that as of 9/30/07 we had substantial receivables from HUD on both our Capital Fund Programs and Public Housing Operating Subsidy for a total Receivable of \$309,540, compared to only \$54,146 last year. Because we were late in requisitioning funds due us from HUD, our cash balances were low as compared to the balances as of 9/30/06. If HUD Accounts Receivable had been collected as of 9/30/07, cash and investments would have increased over the 9/30/06 levels commensurate with the income generated by the Public Housing program for FYE 9/30/07 and the increase in Sec. 8 Voucher equity positions.

Management Discussion & Analysis - continued

- 2. Total current Assets increased by \$148,689, representing the Operating Income generated by the Public Housing Program (\$57,473) plus the increase in Sec. 8 cash due to the way Sec. 8 is funded now. We received approximately \$80,000 more in HAP subsidy than we utilized in the current year, thus increasing our cash balance.
- 3. Fixed Assets increased by \$307,381; this increase represents several capital projects funded through the Capital Fund Programs (see details later in this report). Although Fixed Assets increased by \$307,381, this was more than offset by depreciation charges of \$689,810 and also equipment disposition charges, resulting in the net decrease stated in the above table.
- 4. Total Assets overall decreased by \$238,872 for the various reasons stated above.
- 5. Current Liabilities increased by \$25,726, primarily due to the fact that the Utility Companies were late in billing us at 9/30/07, resulting in a larger entry to utilities payable than at 9/30/06.
- 6. Long-Term liabilities decreased down to zero. The Commission changed policy as regards to compensated Absences to a Use It or Lose It policy, thus eliminating any liability as of 9/30/07 or in the future.
- 7. Total Liabilities increased a total of \$13,625 for the reasons stated above.
- 8. Total Equity/Net Assets decreased by \$252,497. Total Net Assets is comprised of two components: Invested in Capital Assets, which mirrors the decrease in Fixed Assets, Net of Depreciation as explained above. The other component is Unrestricted Net Assets, or what used to be called Operating Reserves. This figure increased due to the Operating Income generated by the Public Housing Program for FYE 9/30/07. There was also a substantial increase in the Equity section for Section 8 due to the HUD-issued accounting changes in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program (PIH Notice #2006-3).

The following schedule compares the Revenues and Expenses for the current and prior fiscal years:

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/07	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/06	Dollar Change	<u>Per</u> <u>Cent</u> Change
Revenues:				
Tenant Revenue	698,934	677,522	21,412	3.2%
Other Revenue	35,629	<u>32,097</u>	<u>3,532</u>	11.0%
Total PHA generated Revenue	734,563	709,619	24,944	3.5%
Operating Subsidies/Soft Cost Grant Revenue	1,338,722	1,148,560	190,162	16.6%
Capital Grants (Hard costs)	296,118	449,187	<u>(153,069)</u>	-34.1%
Total Revenue	2,369,403	2,307,366	62,037	2.7%

Management Discussion & Analysis- continued

Expenses:				
Administrative	545,243	534,356	10,887	2.0%
Tenant Services	11,115	11,375	(260)	-2.3%
Utilities	351,564	347,083	4,481	1.3%
Maintenance	620,494	553,123	67,371	12.2%
General	127,397	149,376	(21,979)	-14.7%
Extraordinary Maintenance		2,480	(2,480)	-100.0%
Casualty Losses	(2,205)	2,650	(4,855)	-183.2%
Housing Assistance Payments	291,927	243,524	48,403	19.9%
Depreciation	689,810	<u>679,486</u>	10,324	1.5%
Total Expenses	2,635,345	2,523,453	98,447	4.4%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(265,942)	(216,087)		

Revenues:

Benton Township Housing Commission's primary revenue sources are subsidies and grants received by HUD. Revenue received from HUD in FYE 9/30/07 for Public Housing and for Sec. 8 remained relatively flat from FYE 9/30/06 to 9/30/07. For FYE 9/30/07, revenue generated by the Commission accounted for \$734,563 (or 31% of total revenue), while HUD contributions accounted for \$1,634,840 (or 69% of total revenue). Investment Income increased due to rising interest rates.

Expenses:

Total Expenses for FYE 9/30/07 were \$2,635,345 while for FYE 9/30/06 the total was \$2,523,453. This represents just a 4.4% increase in our Operating Costs, an amount that can be substantially attributed to inflation. The cost areas that increased the most were:

	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/07	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/06	Dollar Change	<u>Per</u> <u>Cent</u> Change
Maintenance Labor Wages	204,414	194,126	10,288	5.3%
Maintenance Contract costs	245,178	206,023	39,155	19.0%
Maintenance Employee Benefits	93,929	75,865	18,064	23.8%
Housing Assistance Payments	291,927	243,524	48,403	19.9%

- Labor Wages increased due to both rate increases and additional overtime.
- 2. Contract costs increased due to an increase in unit turnovers. We contract out most of our turnover costs.

Management Discussion & Analysis - continued

- 3. Maintenance Employee Benefits increased primarily due to increased health care costs.
- 4. Housing Assistance Payments increased due to both inflationary increases in rents charged by landlords and also to increased lease-up.

In addition to the above increases, General Expenses decreased overall primarily due to a decrease in our property and liability insurance premiums.

Budget Analysis:

A Low Rent Public Housing Operating Budget for FYE 9/30/07 was presented to and approved by the Board of Commissioners. We had no reason to amend the budget during the fiscal year. Actual results were in line with budgeted amounts.

Entity-Wide Operational Highlights:

The Benton Township Housing Commission provided the following housing for low- income elderly and low-income families:

	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/07	<u>FYE</u> 9/30/06
Public Housing	300	300
Sec. 8 Voucher	75	75

During FYE 9/30/07, Benton Township Housing Commission maintained a lease-up rate of 97.4 in its Public Housing Program and a lease-up rate of 98.3% in its Section 8 program. These lease-up rates are in excess of HUD guidelines.

During FYE 9/30/07, our Capital Fund Program work projects included:

- 1. Upgrades to our fire alarm and nurse call systems in all units.
- 2. Upgrades at our senior complex of interior lighting, bathtub fixtures, emergency strobe lighting, and new appliances
- 3. Upgrades at our family units of appliances, replacement of exterior doors, interior lighting, and security storm doors.
- 4. We also completed landscaping upgrades throughout the project.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The Housing Commission is primarily dependent upon HUD for the funding of operations as well as capital needs. Therefore, the Housing Commission is affected more by the Federal Budget than by local economic conditions. The funding of programs could be significantly affected by the Federal Budget.

A fundamental finding of the Harvard Cost Study is that Public Housing Agencies have been, and continue to be, woefully underfunded by HUD. Yet, due to the federal budget crunch, HUD continues to only pay us only a portion of the subsidy that we are entitled to. Since we fully expect this inadequate funding pattern to continue it is inevitable that cuts in services to our residents will have to be made.

Although the Housing Commission remains concerned about the future levels of HUD funding due to the state of the federal budget, we feel that, in the short term, we are both financially and operationally in a strong position to continue to provide safe, sanitary, and decent housing to our residents.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Commission's finances for all those with an interest in its finances. Questions or comments concerning any of the information contained in this report or request for additional information should be directed to:

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Board of Commissioners Benton Township Housing Commission 1216 Blossom Lane Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022

Independent Auditor's Report

I have audited the financial statements of the Benton Township Housing Commission's Business Type Activities as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Housing Commission's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Benton Township Housing Commission as of September 30, 2007, and the results of its operations and the cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated May 21, 2008, on my consideration of the Benton Township Housing Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Financial Data Schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, if fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as whole.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION Statement of Net Assets September 30, 2007

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\$ 6,331,273

ASSETS

TOTAL ASSETS

Cash Accounts Receivable (Net)	\$ 338,740 365,255	
Investments	329,984	
Prepaid Expenses	 70,298	
Total Current Assets	\$	1,104,27
ON CURRENT ASSETS		
Land	\$ 250,681	
Buildings	5,024,388	
Building Improvements	8,156,577	
Furniture, Equipment- Dwellings	249,334	
Furniture, Equipment- Administrative	322,288	
Construction in Progress Accumulated Depreciation	 59,193 (8,835,465)	
Total Non Current Assets		5,226,9

BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION Statement of Net Assets September 30, 2007

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		<u>C-3027</u>
LIABILITIES: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable Accrued Liabilities Tenants Security Deposit Accounts Payable- Other Governments Deferred Revenue	\$ 22,935 43,950 64,106 29,567 2,352	
Total Current Liabilities	\$	162,910
NET ASSETS:		
Investment in Fixed Assets net of Related Debt Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 5,226,996 941,367	
Total Net Assets	_	6,168,363
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$	6,331,273

The Accompanying Footnotes are an Integral Part of the Financial Statements

BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets For the year ended September 30, 2007

OPERATING REVENUE

Tenant Rental Revenue Tenant Revenue-Other HUD Grants Interest Income Other Income Total Operating Revenue	\$ 655,507 43,427 1,338,722 32,095 3,534	- \$	2,073,285
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Administrative Tenant Services Utility Expenses Ordinary Maintenance General Expenses Housing Assistance Payments Casualty Losses Depreciation Expenses	\$ 545,243 11,115 351,564 620,494 127,397 291,927 (2,205))	
Total Operating Expenses			2,635,345
Operating Income (Loss)		\$	(562,060)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS			296,118
<u>Changes in Net Assets</u>		\$	(265,942)
Total Net Assets- Beginning	\$ 6,420,860		
Prior Period Adjustment: Removal of prior year Compensated Absences accrual	 13,445		6,434,305
Total Net Assets- Ending		\$	6,168,363

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral part of the Financial Statements

BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION Combined Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Business Type Activities

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from Customers Payments to Suppliers Payments to Employees HUD Grants Other Receipts (Payments)	\$ 696,878 (1,639,217) (489,801) 1,338,722 35,629
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ (57,789)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Contributed Capital \$ 296,1 Purchases of Capital Assets (302,2	
Net Cash Provided from (used) in Related Financing Activities	 (6,131)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (63,920)
Balance- Beginning of Year	 402,660
Balance- End of Year	\$ 338,740
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Operating Profit or (Loss) Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	\$ (562,060)
Depreciation Changes in Assets (Increase) Decrease:	689,810
Receivables (Gross) Investments Prepaid Expenses Changes in Liabilities Increase (Decrease):	(276,481) 51,178 9,694
Accounts Payable	5,277
Accrued Liabilities Security Deposits	21,348 3,974
Deferred Revenue	 (529)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ (57,789)

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral part of the Financial Statements

BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2007

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity-

Benton Twp. Housing Commission, Benton Harbor, Michigan, (Commission) was created by ordinance of Benton Township. The Commission signed and Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The ACC requires the Commission to provide safe, sanitary and decent housing for qualifying senior and low income families.

The Commission consists of the following:

MI 32-001	Low rent program	300	units
MI 32-V0 032-2, 3	Section 8 Vouchers	75	units

In determining the reporting entity, the manifestations of oversight, as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Cod. sec 2100, were considered. The criteria include the following:

The nucleus of the financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 is the "primary government". A fundamental characteristic of a primary government is that it is a fiscally independent entity. In evaluating how to define the financial reporting entity, management has considered all potential component units. A component unit is legally separate entity for which the primary government is financially accountable. The criterion of financial accountability are the ability of the primary government to impose its will upon the potential component unit. Based on the above, there are no component units.

These criteria were considered in determining the reporting entity.

Basis of Presentation-

The accounts of the Commission are organized by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Awards (CFDA) numbers, in the Financial Data Schedule; each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Commission resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Funds- Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises- where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Basis of Accounting-

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Proprietary Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. The revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

Prior to October 1, 1998, the Commission followed a basis of accounting consistent with the cognizant agency, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD. Those practices differed from Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP); however, for all fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 1998, HUD has required adherence to GAAP. Therefore, the current and future financial presentations will follow GAAP and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued subsequent to November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Budgetary data-

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year in proprietary type funds. Budgets for funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for that fund type. The Commission adopts a budget annually, and amends the budgets as it feels necessary in order to maintain financial integrity.

Notes to Financial Statements- continued

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets-

Deposits & Investments

Deposits are stated at cost; the carrying amount of deposits is separately displayed on the balance sheet as cash and cash equivalents; investments are stated at cost which approximates market.

Cash Equivalents

Cash Equivalents represent investments purchased with a three month maturity or less; investments meeting this criteria are reclassified for financial statement purposes as cash.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded at historical cost, depreciated over their useful lives using the straight line method of depreciation. Fixed assets are reported as fund equity; Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations; depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and Improvements 40 years Equipment 3-10 years

Compensated Absences

Sick leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics have been accrued as a liability. The amount accrued was based on the probability that the Commission will compensate the employees for the benefits through cash payments as a condition of the employees' termination or retirement.

Note 2: Cash and Investments.

The composition of cash and investments are as follows:

Cash:

Checking Accounts	\$ 185,909
Savings Accounts	152,531
Petty Cash	 300

Financial Statement Total \$ 338,740

Investments:

Certificates of Deposit \$\\\ 329,984

Notes to Financial Statements- continued

Generally the Commission classifies cash and investments with the following risk assumptions:

- Insured or registered in the Commission's name.
 Uninsured or unregistered, held by a broker in the Commission's name.
- 3) Uninsured or unregistered, held by a broker not in the Commission's name.

		Cat	egories		<u> </u>	Carrying	Market
	1		2	3		Amount	Value
Cash:							
Checking A/C's	\$ 185,909	\$	\$		\$	185,909 \$	185,909
Petty Cash	300					300	300
Savings Accounts	 152,531					152,531	152,531
Total Cash	\$ 338,740	\$	<u> </u>		_ \$_	338,740 \$	338,740
Investments:							
C/D's	\$ 329,984	\$	\$		_ \$_	329,984 \$	329,984

All investments are covered by either FDIC or bank collateralization commitment letters.

Note 3: Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable consist of the following:

Accounts Receivable	\$ 4,671	
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(1,406)	\$ 3,265
Account Receivable-Family Investment	<u> </u>	
Center	\$ 47,835	
Accounts Receivable- HUD	309,540	
Accrued Interest Receivable	 4,615	361,990
Accounts Receivable, net		\$ 365,255

Note 4: Fixed Asset Analysis.

The following represents the changes in fixed assets for the year:

	Beginning of Year	Additions	Deletions	End of Year
Land \$	250,681	\$	\$	\$ 250,681
Buildings & Improvement	12,978,647	202,318		13,180,965
Furniture &				
Equipment-Dwellings	441,820		192,486	249,334
Furniture &				
Equipment-Admin	325,840	40,738	44,290	322,288
Construction in Progress	0	59,193		59,193
\$:	13,996,988	\$ 302,249	\$ 236,776	\$14,062,461
Less Accumulated				
Depreciation	8,382,431	689,810	236,776	8,835,465
\$ <u></u>	5,614,557	\$ (387,561) \$	\$ <u>5,226,996</u>

Notes to Financial Statements- continued

Note 5: Accrued Liabilities

Accrued Liabilities consist of the following:

Accrued Wages & Benefits Accrued Utilities Payable	\$ 10,119 33,831
Financial Statement Total	\$ 43,950

Note 6: Pension Plan

The Commission has a Defined Contribution Pension Plan (Plan) for governmental employees. The Plan allows for early retirement (age 55), normal retirement (age 65), employer contributions (10% of compensation), mandatory after-tax employee contributions (5% of compensation), and voluntary after tax employee contributions (1-10% of compensation). In addition to the above, no age requirements exist for eligibility, and 100% vesting is immediate. Plan assets and funding statistics are available under separate cover provided to the Commission by the Insurer.

Note 7: Reclassifications.

Certain prior years' balances have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

Note 8: Risk Management

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, error and omissions and employee injuries. The Commission purchases commercial insurance to cover the risks of these losses. The Commission had the following insurance in effect during the year:

Types of Policies	Coverage's
Property	\$ 21,583,000
General Liability	1,000,000
Dishonesty Bond	1.000,000
Automobile Liability	300,000
Worker's Compensation and other	
riders: minimum coverage's	
required by the State of Michigan	

Note 9: Combining Financial Data Schedules.

The totals in the Combining Balance Sheet and Combining Income Statement represent unconsolidated totals. Under principals of consolidation, inter fund transactions would be eliminated; the totals in the combined statements follow the financial data schedule format recommended by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC).

	Benton Twp Housing Commission	30-аср-07			
	Combining Balance Sheet	Low Rent 14.850	Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program 14.871	Capital Projects Funds 14.872	TOTAL
Line Item	ı #				
	ASSETS:				
	CURRENT ASSETS:				
	Cash:				
111	Cash - unrestricted	229,947	44,687		274,634
		229,947	44,067	-	274,034
112	Cash - restricted - modernization and development	-			-
113	Cash - other restricted				-
114	Cash - tenant security deposits	64,106			64,106
100	Total cash	294,053	44,687	-	338,740
		•	·		·
	Accounts and notes receivables:				
121	Accounts and notes receivables. Accounts receivable - PHA projects		_		
		100 447	-	200.002	200.540
122	Accounts receivable - HUD other projects	100,447	-	209,093	309,540
124	Accounts receivable - other governmen				-
125	Accounts receivable - miscellaneous	47,835	-		47,835
126	Accounts receivable- tenants - dwelling rents	4,671			4,671
126.1	Allowance for doubtful accounts - dwelling rents	(1,406)			(1,406)
126.2	Allowance for doubtful accounts - other	(1,400)			(1,400)
					-
128	Fraud recovery	-			-
128.1	Allowance for doubtful accounts - fraud	-			-
129	Accrued interest receivable	4,615			4,615
120	Total receivables, net of allowances for doubtful account	156,162	-	209,093	365,255
		,		=07,070	
-	Current investments				
101		220.004			220.004
131	Investments - unrestricted	329,984			329,984
132	Investments - restricted	-			-
142	Prepaid expenses and other assets	70,298			70,298
143	Inventories	,			_
143.1	Allowance for obsolete inventories				
		200.002	122 405		222 500
144	Interprogram - due from	209,093	123,495	-	332,588
146	Amounts to be provided				-
150	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,059,590	168,182	209,093	1,436,865
	NONCURRENT ASSETS:				
-	Fixed assets:				
1.61	1.00	220 (01	20.000		250 601
161	Land	230,681	20,000		250,681
162		5,024,388			5,024,388
163	Furniture, equipment & machinery - dwellings	225,996	-	23,338	249,334
164	Furniture, equipment & macinery - administration	280,060	-	42,228	322,288
165	Building Improvements	7,731,134		425,443	8,156,577
167	Construction in Progress	7,731,134		59,193	59,193
		(0.005.255)			
166	Accumulated depreciation	(8,805,357)		(30,108)	(8,835,465)
160	Total fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	4,686,902	20,000	520,094	5,226,996
171	Notes and mortgages receivable - non-current				-
172	Notes and mortgages receivable-non-current-past due				_
174	Other assets				
					-
175	Undistributed debits				-
176	Investment in joint ventures				-
180	TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	4,686,902	20,000	520,094	5,226,996
		, ,	1,124	-,	, -,
10-	TOTAL A COPETO	# # * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	100 10-	500.40	
190	TOTAL ASSETS	5,746,492	188,182	729,187	6,663,861

	LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:				
	LIABILITIES:				
	CURRENT LIABILITIES				
311	Bank overdraft				-
312	Accounts payable ≤ 90 days	22,655	280		22,935
313	Accounts payable > 90 days past due				-
321	Accrued wage/payroll taxes payable	10,119	-		10,119
322	Accrued compensated absences	-			-
324	Accrued contingency liability				-
325	Accrued interest payable				-
331	Accounts payable - HUD PHA programs		-		-
332	Accounts Payable - PHA Projects		-		-
333	Accounts payable - other government	29,567	-	-	29,567
341	Tenant security deposits	64,106			64,106
342	Deferred revenues	2,352	-		2,352
343	Current portion of Long-Term debt - capital projects	,			-
344	Current portion of Long-Term debt - operating borrow	ings			_
345	Other current liabilities	33,831			33,831
346	Accrued liabilities - other	-			-
347	Inter-program - due to	123.495	-	209.093	332,588
347	mici-program - due to	123,473	-	207,073	332,300
310	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	286,125	280	209,093	495,498
310	TOTAL CORREST ENABLETTES	200,123	200	207,073	475,470
	NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:				
351	Long-term debt, net of current- capital projects				
352	Long-term debt, net of current- operating borrowings				
353	Noncurrent liabilities- other	_			
354	Accr. Comp. Absences- non current	-			
350	TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-	-	
330	TOTAL NONCORRENT LIABILITIES	-			
300	TOTAL LIABILITIES	286,125	280	209,093	495,498
300		200,123	200	200,003	475,470
	EQUITY:				
501	Investment in general fixed assets				-
	Contributed Capital:				
502	Project notes (HUD)	-			-
503	Long-term debt - HUD guaranteed	-			_
504	Net HUD PHA contributions	_			
505	Other HUD contributions				
507	Other contributions	_			
508		_	-	-	
508.1		4,686,902	20,000	520,094	5,226,996
200.1	Reserved fund balance:	7,000,702	20,000	320,074	5,220,790
509	Reserved for operating activities				
510					
511	Total reserved fund balance				-
512	Undesignated fund balance/retained earnings	-	-	-	-
		772.465	167.002	-	041 267
512.1	Unrestricted Net Assets	773,465	167,902	-	941,367
513	TOTAL EQUITY	5,460,367	187,902	520,094	6,168,363
600	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	5 746 402	188,182	720 197	6,663,861
600	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	5,746,492	100,182	729,187	0,005,801

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	Combining Income Statement	Low Rent 14.850	Housing Choice Voucher Program 14.871	Capital Projects Funds 14.872	TOTAL
T T		14.050	14.071	1 unus 14.072	TOTAL
Line Ite				-	
	REVENUE:	-	-		655 505
703		655,507			655,507
704		43,427			43,427
705		698,934	-	415.500	698,934
706		815,762	403,569	415,509	1,634,840
708					-
711	Investment income - unrestricted	31,879	216	-	32,095
712	Mortgage interest income				-
714	-		629		629
715		3,065	(160)	-	2,905
716		-			-
720	Investment income - restricted				-
700	TOTAL REVENUE	1,549,640	404,254	415,509	2,369,403
	EXPENSES:				
	Administrative				
911	Administrative salaries	238,137	25,250	22,000	285,387
912	Auditing fees	6,600	-	,	6,600
913	Outside management fees				-
914		-			-
915	Employee benefit contributions- administrative	109,838	4,750	8,938	123,526
916	Other operating- administrative	114,052	4,736	10,942	129,730
	Tenant services				
921	Tenant services - salaries				_
922	Relocation costs	-			_
923	Employee benefit contributions- tenant services				_
924	Tenant services - other	1,328		9.787	11,115
		-,,,,,		7,121	,
	Utilities				
931	Water	156,687			156,687
932	Electricity	111,676			111,676
933	Gas	83,201			83,201
934					-
935	Labor				-
937	Employee benefit contributions- utilities				-
938	Other utilities expense	-			-
	Ordinary maintenance & operation				
941	Ordinary maintenance and operations - labor	194,414		10,000	204,414
942	Ordinary maintenance and operations - materials & c	76,973		-	76,973
	Ordinary maintenance and operations - contract costs	191,515		53,663	245,178
943				4,062	93,929
943	Employee benefit contributions- ordinary maintenand	89,867		4,002	73,727

971 Extraordinary maintenance	952	Protective services- other contract costs				
September Sept	953	Protective services - other				-
General expenses						-
961 Insurance premiums		r				
961 Insurance premiums		General expenses				
963 Payments in lieu of taxes 29,567 20,565 29,567 29,567 20,565 29,567 29,567 20,565 29,567 20,565 20,						
963 Payments in lieu of taxes 29,567 20,565 29,567 29,567 20,565 29,567 29,567 20,565 29,567 20,565 20,	961	Insurance premiums	83,107			83,107
963 Payments in lieu of taxes 29,567 29,567 964 Bad debt - tenant rents 11,162	962	Other General Expenses	-			
965 Bad debt- other	963		29,567			29,567
966 Bad debt - other	964	Bad debt - tenant rents	11,162			11,162
967	965	Bad debt- mortgages				-
Severance expense 3,561 3,561 3,561 9,69 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES 1,501,685 34,736 119,392 1,655,813 19,700 EXCESS OPERATING REVENUE OVER OPERATING EXPENSES 47,955 369,518 296,117 713,590 713,590 713,590 713,590 713,590 714 20,205 713,590 714 20,205 713,590 715,	966	Bad debt - other				-
Section	967	Interest expense				-
SECESS OPERATING REVENUE OVER OPERATING EXPENSES	968	Severance expense	3,561			3,561
SECESS OPERATING REVENUE OVER OPERATING EXPENSES	969	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,501,685	34,736	119,392	1.655.813
OPERATING EXPENSES		_ _	,, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,,,,,,	7,77	,,-
State	,,,	EXCESS OPERATING REVENUE OVER				
972 Casualty losses - non-capitalized (2,205) (2,205) 973 Housing assistance payments 291,927 - 291,927 974 Depreciation expense 663,710 26,100 689,810 975 Fraud losses 976 Capital outlays- governmental funds - 977 Debt principal payment- governmental funds - 978 Dwelling units rent expense - 900 TOTAL EXPENSES 2,163,190 326,663 145,492 2,635,345 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) - - 1001 Operating transfers in (out) - - 1002 Operating transfers from/to primary government - 1004 Operating transfers from/to component unit 1005 Proceeds from notes, loans and bonds - 1010 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) - - - 1010 EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF TOTAL REVENUE O (613,550) 77,591 270,017 (265,942) 1010 Capital State Capital St		OPERATING EXPENSES	47,955	369,518	296,117	713,590
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975 Fraud losses				291,927	-	
976 Capital outlays- governmental funds -			663,710		26,100	689,810
977 Debt principal payment- governmental funds						-
Dwelling units rent expense			-			-
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1005 Proceeds from notes, loans and bonds	1003	Operating transfers from/to primary government			-	-
1005 Proceeds from notes, loans and bonds	1004	Operating transfers from/to component unit				-
1006 Proceeds from property sales -	1005					
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	1010	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-
	1000	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF TOTAL REVENUE O	(613,550)	77,591	270,017	(265,942)
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						-
						-
						-
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BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION Schedule of Annual Federal Awards For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Direct Programs:

	1000 110314		al Program enditures
*	CFDA 14.850 Public and Indian Housing		
	C-3029 Operating Subsidies	\$	815,762
*	CFDA 14.871 Housing Assistance Programs		
	C-3099V Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	\$	403,569
*	CFDA 14.872 Capital Projects Funds		
	C-3029 Capital Projects Grants	\$	415,509
		\$	1,634,840
		ಳ	1,034,040

^{*}Connotes Major Program Category

Significant Account Policies

The accounting policies of the Commission conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental proprietary funds. The financial statements contained in the Commission's annual audit report are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting; revenues are recognized when earned, expenses are recorded when the related services or product are received.

BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION Status of Prior Audit Findings September 30, 2007

The prior audit of the Benton Twp Housing Commission for the period ended September 30, 2006, contained one audit finding; the corrective action taken by the Commission is as follows:

1) Tenant Accounting Discrepancies- Section 8 Vouchers; The areas of concern mentioned in last years audit have been addressed satisfactorily.

BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards September 30, 2007

I have audited the financial statements of the Benton Twp Housing Commission of Benton Harbor, Michigan, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, and have issued my report thereon dated May 21, 2008. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Benton Twp Housing Commission's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. I did not consider any of the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be material weaknesses.

My consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be a material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

This report is intended solely for the information of management, Board of Commissioners, and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Certified Public Accountant Hemlock, Michigan May 21, 2008

BENTON TWP HOUSING COMMISSION

Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

September 30, 2007

Compliance

I have audited the compliance of the Benton Twp Housing Commission of Benton Harbor, Michigan, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2007. The Commission's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Commission's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the Commission's compliance based on my audit.

I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Commission's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion. My audit does not provide a legal determination on the Commission's compliance with those requirements.

In my opinion, except as noted below, the Commission complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2007. However, the results of my auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance with those requirements, which are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs:

	Audit	
Finding	Number	Compliance Requirements
Capital Fund Program:		

Davis Bacon Act Discrepancies 07-1 Davis Bacon

The management of the Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Commission's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over compliance.

My consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that non-compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. I considered the deficiencies in internal control over compliance as described above.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material non-compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. I did not consider any of the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be material weaknesses.

Benton Twp Housing Commission's response to the findings identified in my audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and question costs. I did not audit Benton Twp Housing Commission's response and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of, management, Board of Commissioners, and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Certified Public Accountant Hemlock, Michigan May 21, 2008

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost September 30, 2007

1) Summary of Auditor's Results:

Programs:				
<u> </u>	Major Program	Non	Major	Program
Low income Public Housing Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers Capital Projects Funds	X X X			
Opinions:				
Financial Statements-				
Unqualified				
Material weakness(es) noted		Yes	X	_No
Control Deficiency (ies) noted		Yes	X	_No
Non Compliance material to finan statements noted	cial 	_Yes	X	_No
Report on compliance for Federal	programs-			
Unqualified				
Material weakness(es) noted		Yes	X	_No
Control Deficiency (ies) noted	X	Yes		_No
Non Compliance material to finan statements noted	cial 	_Yes	X	_No

$\underline{\text{Thresholds}}:$

Dollar limit used to determine type A & B programs- \$ 300,000

The Auditee did qualify as a low risk auditee.

	Major	Questioned	Audit Finding
Name of Federal Program	Program	Costs	Number
Low Rent Public Housing	Yes	None	N/A
Section 8 Vouchers	Yes	None	N/A
Capital Fund Project	Yes	None	7-1

Schedule of Findings & Questioned Cost September 30, 2007

The following finding of the Benton Twp Housing Commission, for the year ended September 30, 2007, was discussed with the Executive Director, Ms. Sharon Hester, in an exit interview conducted April 3, 2008.

Finding 07-1:

Criteria-

The Commission must follow HUD regulations concerning Davis Bacon Act requirements.

Condition-

The Commission did not retain certified payrolls for the contractor's employees; no employee interviews or comparison to the Davis Bacon wage determination was conducted.

Ouestioned Cost-

None

Effect-

The Commission has not followed prescribed HUD procedures concerning Davis Bacon Act requirements.

Cause-

Davis Bacon Act Discrepancies.

Recommendation

The Davis Bacon Act requires the Commission retain certified payrolls of all contractor wages. The Act does not require employee interviews if other comparisons of certified payrolls are conducted; without the certified payrolls, the comparison could not be made.

In the future, I recommend the Commission obtain certified payrolls and compare the hourly rates to the wage determination to insure compliance.

Reply

In the future the Benton Township Housing Commission will interview the employees for their hourly rate, compare the rate to the certified payrolls and the hourly rates to the wage determination to insure compliance.